

REMARKS

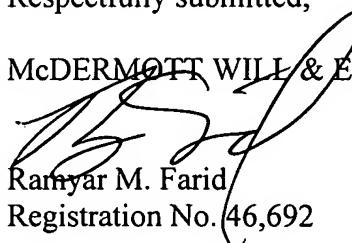
Claim 1 is objected to for minor informalities and claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for alleged indefiniteness. It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed amendment obviate the objection and the alleged indefiniteness. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection/rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 stands rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over USP No. 6,654,929. In order to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached hereto, filed without prejudice, for obviating this rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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